

-9. A plastic shopping bag comprising a tubular sleeve having a longitudinal axis, an open top and unitarily formed at its bottom edge with a continuous band of transverse reinforcing ribs and sealing blocks, said sleeve being folded with a rectangular cross section having a pair of side walls connecting [said] a pair of frontal faces, each of said side walls having at least one pair of longitudinal gussets, said folded sleeve being provided with angular cuts extending downward and inward from the ^{n.a.} intersection of said frontal faces and ^{n.a.} said side faces with the top of said [transverse] continuous band to [remove the] form a triangle [thus formed] below the ^{n.a.} opposite side faces, ^{n.a.} the adjacent cut edges of said transverse band and said gussets [of said side faces] being sealed together to form a rectangular bottom wall extending outward of said frontal faces, so that [and] when said sleeve is opened [and the] said gussets in each of said side faces distends laterally from the frontal faces and the flat bottom is closed to include the [distendable] distended gussets.--

REMARKS

Claim 9 has been amended to provide the antecedents suggested by the Examiner. The claims is now believed to be in proper condition for allowance under Sec.112.

The rejection of the claims under Sec.103 is traversed. A material feature of the claim lies in the construction when the gussets are cut back to form a triangle which when removed allows the